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NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Title:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is attached.

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Responsive to the Official Action dated July 29, 2002, the undersigned believes the Examiner's concerns have been addressed and clarification provided by the undersigned during the personal interview with the Examiner's supervisor, Examiner Woodward, on August 7, 2002. Accordingly, nothing further is believed to be required however the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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